



MINERS SUSPEND OPERATIONS

STEAMER NEWSBOY LOSES RUDDER ON HUMBOLDT BAR

Lumber Laden Ship Loses
Her Rudder in Sea.

TUG GOES TO RESCUE

Gets Line Aboard and on Return
Collides With Steamer
Wasp.

THE TUG IS BADLY DAMAGED

Wasp is Out Bound for Astoria from
Eureka—Signals of Tug Mis-
understood and Collision Fol-
lows—Wasp Put to Sea.

EUREKA, March 31.—While crossing the Humboldt bar this afternoon with a cargo of lumber the steamer Newsboy struck the bar in a heavy sea and lost her rudder and deckload. The tug Ranger answered her signal of distress. After maneuvering she got a line aboard and started to bring her through the entrance. She met the steamer Wasp, from Eureka to Astoria. The tug blew one whistle for the Wasp to get out of the way. The Wasp paid no attention and a collision occurred in which the tug had her starboard bow stove in and her smokestack smashed off.

The tug was compelled to abandon the Newsboy and arrived here at seven o'clock. The Wasp failed to get a line aboard the Newsboy and the latter finally anchored at the end of the jetty, while the Wasp put to sea. At 8 o'clock tonight the crew abandoned the Newsboy, breaking the last shred of hope for any chance to save her. The men were taken off by a life-saving crew and transferred to the launch Elgin and brought to Eureka. The men suffered little from their trying experiences. The Newsboy's anchors are still holding, but shipping men regard it as only a question of time when she will pile on the rocks.

KANSAS MINERS TO QUIT WORK

PITTSBURG, Kan., March 31.—Unless the unexpected takes place, the mines in the Kansas coal district will shut down tonight. The shutdown will affect 10,000 miners in 200 mines, and is expected to continue for thirty days. It is estimated that the railroads have sufficient coal on hand to last that long, an opinion is expressed by prominent miners that within thirty days the operators in the Southwest will sign a new contract with the men. In the meantime no effort will be made to operate the mines in this district.

NINE SURVIVE FATHER.

EUGENE, Ore., March 30.—Louis Hartwig, a Lane county pioneer of 1860, died in the Eugene Hospital, aged 69 years. He was born in Germany, and at the age of 23 came to America, locating in the McKenzie Valley, east of Eugene, where he raised a family of nine children, all of whom survive him.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERY COMMIT UNSPEAKABLE OUTRAGES

ST. PETERSBURG, March 31.—M. Bolkovadze, a prominent Gorgian writer, has made an appeal to Russian women in behalf of the women of his race, who he says are being ruthlessly violated by the soldiery engaged in the pacification of the kingdom of Gorgia. He declares the tragic treatment of Mrs. Spirodonovo as being compared with

SPOKANE CLEANS UP CITY

SPOKANE, Mar. 31.—Twenty thousand persons of all ages today took part in Spokane in the greatest city cleaning movement ever known in a Western community. The Mayor had named today as a special cleaning and Arbor day, allowing fires anywhere and giving use of the city's street laborers in carting away the rubbish. The banks declared a holiday and the county offices were closed. School children were organized into bands. The city officials designated certain vacant lots as dumping places for non-combustible matter. It is estimated that 5000 trees were set out during the afternoon. The movement was directed by the City Beautiful Committee of the 150,000 Club.

RATE CONFERENCE

President and Senators Confer on
Railroad Rate Bill.

AGREE ON AN AMENDMENT

Friends of House Railroad Rate Bill
Hold Conference With Roosevelt
and Devise Court Review Pro-
vision for the Measure.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Friends of the house railroad rate bill were in conference with the President at the White House today and agreed that the amendment providing specifically for a judicial review of the orders of the interstate commerce commission. The amendments will be presented Monday by a Senator, a pronounced opponent of any amendment permitting railroads obtaining a review of a character amounting to a retrial of the merits of the commission's orders. The conference was attended by Senators Allison, Cullom, Deliver, Clapp and Long, Attorney-General Moody and inter-state Commissioners Knapp and Prouty. The text of the amendment is as follows: "That all orders of the commission, except orders for the payment of money shall take effect within such reasonable time as shall be prescribed by the commission and continue in effect for such a period of time, not exceeding two years, as shall be prescribed in the order of the commission or suspended or set aside in a suit brought against the commission in the circuit court of the United States, sitting as a court of equity in the district wherein, any carrier, the plaintiff of such suit, has its principal offices, and jurisdiction is hereby conferred on the circuit court of the United States to hear and determine in any such suit whether the order complained of was beyond the authority of the commission, or in violation of the rights of the carrier, and secured by the constitution."

MOROCCO CONFERENCE REACHES ACCORD.

ALGERIAS, March 31.—After a session lasting until 6 o'clock this evening the conference on Moroccan affairs registered complete accord and appointed a committee to embody this accord in the protocol. The consummation was announced in an official communication which stated that the conference had adopted a definite text on the remaining articles concerning the state bank and customs. The final article regulating the distribution of police was adopted from the Russian draft. By it France will police four ports and Spain two. France and Spain together will police Tangier and Casa Blanca subject to an inspector of police. With reference to the effect of the conference the delegates are divided in opinion. They admitted however the operations of real reforms were impossible without the good will and sanction of the Sultan and his advisers and for that reason the protocol will be submitted to the Sultan with an intimation that it is the unanimous wish of the powers that it be put into operation immediately.

ALL PASS GOOD NIGHT FAST TRAIN IS DITCHED

Survivors of Courieres Disaster Who
Were Brought to Surface Are
Improving Rapidly.

LENS, March 31.—The survivors of the Courieres disaster who were brought to the surface yesterday passed a good night. Only one has fever. Nemy, the leader of the rescue party stated today that his boys had sharp ears and heard the responses of the entombed miners to their calls, and it was this noise made by the working party which guided them to the opening.

STORM IN SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—March winds caused some damage to shipping here today. The British ship Australia dragged her anchor and fouled the telegraph cable, and the steamer Tampico collided with a pilot boat and lost her bowsprit and the steamer Arago carried away her lines and was slightly damaged and several other vessels sustained minor injuries.

SHOULD BE HANGED.

ROSWELL, N. M., March 31.—Frank B. Curtis, passenger conductor on the Pecos Valley & Northeastern Railroad was shot thrice and instantly killed last night by C. L. Price, a news agent, whom he reprimanded for alleged insults to women passengers. Price was arrested. He claims self defense, but it is claimed the conductor was unarmed.

SWIMMER STARTS.

NEW YORK, March 31.—C. M. Daniels, the New York Athletic Club swimmer and Marquard Schwartz of the Missouri Athletic Club, sailed on the New York for Europe today in advance of the rest of the American team en route for the Olympic games at Athens. The pair will go direct to Paris, where they will take several days practice to recover from the effect of their long idleness on board ship. From Paris they will go on to Naples and continue their practice there, awaiting the rest of the American team, accompanying the main body from there to Athens.

WORKING OTHER SCHEMES.

NEW YORK, March 31.—R. P. Schwerin, vice-president of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company sailed today for Panama on his steam yacht Sultana. Schwerin's object it is said is to go over the ground with chairman Shonts and come to an agreement with the Panama Railroad & Steamship Company regarding the handling of passengers and freight through the canal zone.

LEAVE FOR EAST.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 31.—Prince Arthur of Connaught and party leave for the East tomorrow.

BENEFIT SIX THOUSAND.

CHICAGO, March 31.—Six thousand building laborers will be benefited by an agreement which was entered into yesterday between representatives of the employing plasterers' association and the hod carriers' and building laborers' union.

By the terms of the new agreement the plasterers and laborers are to receive 40 cents an hour, an increase of 3 1/2 cents an hour over the scale paid during the past five years. This scale is to go into effect July 3.

East Bound El Paso-Chicago Flyer on
Santa Fe Ditched and Twelve
Mexicans Are Injured.

LAS VEGAS, March 30.—The east-bound El Paso-Chicago flyer on the Santa Fe road went into a ditch a few miles south of this city at noon today. Twelve Mexicans were seriously injured, one of whom will die. Conductor Shaffer was slightly cut and two passengers were bruised and cut. The train struck a broken rail while running 45 miles an hour.

DENIES ANY ABUSE

Mrs. Storrer Says She Did Not
Abuse President Letter's.

WILL NOT BLAME ROOSEVELT

Wife of Ambassador Storrer Denies
That Roosevelt Ever Wrote to
Her on Subject of Bishop
Ireland.

VIENNA, March 31.—Mrs. Bellamy Storrer, wife of the retiring ambassador in an interview with the Associated Press stated she had decided to formally deny she ever abused the letter of President Roosevelt as asserted. She says the President had never written her on the subject of the Archbishop Ireland except in a letter last December on another subject. She states Roosevelt wrote her a letter while Governor of New York in 1900 to which the report probably alludes. This letter, she says, was written to her so that she might show it to Cardinal Rampolla in order to convince the Vatican of the friendly attitude of prominent Americans toward Ireland's policy. She adds that all was done to help our government in its relations with the Philippines. She says neither she nor her husband are going to indulge in recriminations against the President. She concludes that they will wait and see what the Washington authorities will publish about the matter. If they publish the reasons for the recall, she says Storrer and she have many proofs of the right being on their side.

Roosevelt's letter alluded to, expresses the highest regard for Ireland, who "represents the highest type of Catholicism which, in my opinion must prevail in the United States if the Catholic church is to attain the full measure of power and usefulness with our people and our form of government."

Regarding the Philippine matter Roosevelt states he does not feel justified in interfering in any way, directly or indirectly, at the Vatican. The letter then turns to personal matters, and refers to the effort to avoid the nomination for the vice-presidency and ends "With love to Bellamy, and faithfully yours, Theodore Roosevelt."

ANNOUNCES DATE.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 31.—Manager McCarey has announced the date for the Nelson-Herrera mill, fixing Friday night, May 11, as the time. It is probable that the Britt-Herman affair will be pulled off May 9, but the date will be definitely settled later.

NEARLY ALL COAL MINERS CEASE WORK LAST NIGHT

Indications are That Mining Operations Will Be
Suspended Pending Result of Tuesday's Confer-
ence Between Operators and Miners.

A FEW DISTRICTS ADJUST THEIR DIFFERENCES

IN LOWER FIELDS COMPRISING COLLIERIES IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY
SOME INDECISION IS DISPLAYED ON PART OF WORKING
MEN AND WORK WILL PROBABLY BE DONE SHORT-
HANDED FOR A TIME.

PHILADELPHIA, March 31.—When the mine workers in the anthracite field finished work at noon today there was every indication that the order of the scale committee of the mineworkers of America suspending operations pending the result of next Tuesday's conference with the operators would be generally obeyed. Reports from every district tonight are to the effect that the majority of the mineworkers intend to remain away from the workings until further instructions are received from President Mitchell and members of the scale committee.

Some Indecision.
In the lower fields, comprising the collieries in Schuylkill county, some indecision on the part of the men was reported, and the impression prevails that sufficient men will return to work Monday to permit operations, shorthanded, of a number of the collieries. But the fact that in the vicinity of Mahanoy City and Shamokin hundreds of men failed to report today is regarded as evidence of the complete suspension of mining throughout the entire anthracite territory. The men left the mines today as usual, making no demonstrations. George F. Baer president of the Reading Company, stated he would probably keep the collieries open on Monday in order to give any miners who wished, the opportunity to work. Baer also said the company intended to discourage every attempt of speculators to raise the price of coal and declared the charging of exorbitant prices by retailers would result in the cutting off of their supply.

No Strike in Pittsburg District.
PITTSBURG, March 31.—Following a turbulent all day session in the Pittsburg district, the miners' convention adjourned this evening to meet Monday after appointing a new wage committee to sign up all operators willing to pay the 1903 scale.

This committee will meet F. L. Robbins of the Pittsburg Coal Company when Robbins will sign the scale. This action means no strike in the Pittsburg district so far as the Pittsburg Coal Company is concerned, and it is believed the majority of independent operators will eventually sign the scale.

Four Close Down.
LEAVENWORTH, Kas., March 31.—Four coal mines closed down this evening indefinitely.

No Strike.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 31.—The miners and operators in district 23

have reached an agreement and there will be no strike.

15,000 Idle.
PITTSBURG, Kan., March 31.—All the mines of the Pittsburg district closed down this afternoon until an agreement is reached between the operators and miners. 15,000 men are idle. Will Remain at Work.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 30.—Under an agreement between the operators and miners, the miners in the Kanawha district will remain at work pending negotiations.

14,000 Strike at Midnight.
ST. LOUIS, March 30.—Fourteen thousand miners employed in the Bellville, Ill., district, struck at midnight at the same time the Edwardsville district miners stopped work.

STEUBENVILLE, March 31.—Six thousand miners in Jefferson county struck today.

LITTLE ROCK, March 31.—Three thousand miners in Western Kansas will cease work tonight.

Suspension Complete.
WHEELING, March 31.—The suspension of the mines in the West Virginian Panhandle is complete. Over 13,000 laid down their tools.

HOUSTON, Texas, March 31.—About 1300 miners are effected by the strike. An effort is being made by the operators to conclude an agreement as soon as possible.

SOUTH McALLISTER, I. T., March 31.—All the Indian Territory mines have shut down operations not waiting for the men to strike; 20,000 are effected.

Seven Thousand Out.
PEORIA, March 31.—Seven thousand miners in the Peoria district went out this afternoon. Dispatches from other Illinois districts report a general suspension.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 31.—All day long the miners came out of the collieries bearing their tools. It is almost certain there will be no mining Monday.

Will Not Be Long.
DES MOINES, March 31.—Fourteen thousand miners went out at midnight. It is not expected the strike will be of long duration as steps are well under way for a settlement.

MACEDONIANS RELEASED.

DULUTH, March 31.—The Macedonians held here in connection with the Minneapolis murders were all released tonight.

COAL STRIKE IN FRANCE HAS GROWN VERY SERIOUS

PARIS, March 30.—The miners' strike throughout the coal region in North France has again assumed serious proportions. There were many riotous scenes last night and today, during which the cavalry repeatedly charged the strikers, injuring many. The troops also suffered severely. Large reinforce-

ments are being sent to the centers of the disorders.

The strikers, estimated at 35,000 and divided into bands of 500 to 2000 are parading the region and threatening the workmen who refuse to join them. Many bands carry red flags. They have sought several times to drive the cavalry into the barbed wire entanglements.